

# New Law Amends Acknowledgments and Jurats

Assembly Bill 886, which takes effect **January 1, 2008**, amends specific acknowledgment and jurat wording for California Notaries. It eliminates “personally known to me” and adds a penalty of perjury statement to acknowledgments and eliminates “personally known to me” on jurats.

Section 1189(a)(1) of the Civil Code is *amended* to read:

Any certificate of **acknowledgment** taken within this state shall be in the following form:

State of California

County of \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_, (name and title of the officer), personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

Section 8202(b) of the Government Code is amended to read:

To any affidavit subscribed and sworn to before a notary, there shall be attached a **jurat** in the following form:

State of California

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)



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